GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3536
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2002
DEFENCE LAND
AMAR ROY PRADHAN

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of Defence land at present in the country, State-wise;

(b) the policy of Government leasing out or sale of defence land for various purposes;

(c) the details of land acquired and sold to the State Governments/NGOs during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(d) the details of policy changes effected in recent years and/or under consideration for release of unused defence land; and

(e) the justification of the proposals seeking allotment of defence land and the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (e): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO

(e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3536 FOR 12.12.2002

The details of Defence land holdings, State-wise have been indicated in the Annexure attached (Annexure I).

2. As per the extant Defence Land Policy, no Defence land are to be declared surplus andif at all any land is to be given up, it should be on the basis of exchange of equivalent value. However, the policy provides for consideration of requests of State Governments, Public Sector Undertakings, social service organisations etc. fortransfer/lease of Defence land, on the merits of each case. As per instructions issued by PMO in 1997, no transfer/alienation of Defence land shall take place without prior Cabinet approval.

3. The details of land acquired and transferred to the State Governments/NGOs during the past three years are given in Annexure II.

ANNEXURE- I REFERRED TO IN THE STATEMENT GIVEN IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3536 FOR 12.12.2002

Sl. No.	Name of the State/Union Territory	Total Land holdings (in acres)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	35042
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	4156
3.	Assam	24548
4.	Bihar/Jharkhand	15893
5.	Delhi	11423
6.	Goa	3095

7	Gujarat	23248
8.	Haryana	33698
9.	Himachal Pradesh	5973
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	16216
11.	Karnataka	29183
12.	Kerala	5228
13.	Madhya Pradesh/Chatisgarh	219927
14.	Maharashtra	137317
15.	Manipur	1284
16.	Meghalaya	5294
17.	Mizoram	114
18.	Nagaland	1646
19.	Orissa	23226
20.	Punjab	78411
21.	Rajasthan	827787
22.	Sikkim	2520
23.	Tamil Nadu	20954
24.	Tripura	1782
25.	Uttar Pradesh/Uttaranchal	152709
26.	West Bengal	39498
27.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	8374
28.	Chandigarh	2679
29.	Diu & Daman	202
		17,31,427
TOTAL	Say	17,31,430

ANNEXURE – REFERRED TO IN THE STATEMENT GIVEN IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3536 FOR 12.12.2002

Name of the State	Year	Land acquired for defence purposes (in acres)	Land transferred to State Govts/NGOs (in acres)
Gujarat	2000	59.875	-
	2001	343.529	-
	2002	500.880	-
Haryana	2000	5.51875	-
	2001	-	-
	2002	-	-
Himachal Pradesh	2000	-	-
	2001	6.000	-
	2002	10.620	-
J & K	2000	161.4305	-
	2001	828.9552	-
	2002	194.6750	-
Karnataka	2000	-	-
	2001	2.667	-
	2002	-	-
Rajasthan	2000	472.560	-
	2001	-	-
	2002	102.080	-
Maharashtra	2000	-	-
	2001	-	42.675 @@
	2002	-	-
Tamil Nadu	2000	1.830	-
	2001	45.310	-
	2002	-	-
West Bengal	2000	-	-
	2001	-	4.82 @@
	2002	-	-
UT Chandigarh	2000	-	-
	2001	12.68125	-
	2002	-	-

@@ Transferred to State Governments on exchange basis.